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For: FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEPARATOR FOR USE IN
FUEL CELL

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In further reply to the April 10, 2002 Office Action, the Substitute Amendment filed August 20, 2002, and the September 9 personal interview between Applicants' representative and Examiner Tsang-Foster, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 9 as follows:

9. (Thrice Amended) A fuel cell comprising:
- at least a cell function assembly including an electrolytic membrane;
 - a pair of electrode plates assembled in contact with opposite surfaces of the electrolytic membrane;
 - a first separator placed in contact with one of the electrode plates and perforated to form a reaction chamber to be supplied with fuel gas;
 - a second separator placed in contact with the other electrode plate and perforated to form a reaction chamber to be supplied with oxidizing agent gas; and